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MOVING PICTURE STREAM GENERATION  
APPARATUS, MOVING PICTURE CODING  
APPARATUS, MOVING PICTURE MULTI-  
PLEXING APPARATUS AND MOVING  
PICTURE DECODING APPARATUS

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Respectfully submitted,

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